

REMARKS

Applicants hereby affirm election of Group III, claims 9-13, with traverse as stated during a phone conversation with the Examiner on May 11, 2006.

35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 10-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 9 from which the rejected claims depend has been amended to claim the method of forming a tire, rendering claims 10-13 consistent with claim 9 and eliminating the basis for the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 9 through 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Fritze (US 3,662,335). This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons. The Fritze reference fails in total in teaching or suggesting the claimed method for forming a tire having an annular antenna assembly affixed to an inward surface. The structure of Fritze is not formed by the claimed steps and is assembled to a tire in an entirely different manner. Accordingly, it is submitted that the Fritze method does not anticipate the claimed method. In fact, the Fritze methodology does not achieve the advantages and efficiencies of the claimed invention and does not, therefore, meet the objectives that the present invention was intended to achieve.

As Fritze fails to anticipate the invention as recited in claims 9 through 13, as amended, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

In light of this amendment, all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application are allowable. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to allow all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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